



TAFT GETS AWAY ON WESTERN TOUR

Train Leaves Boston, Passes Albany.

FIRST SPEECH AT SYRACUSE

Enthusiastic Demonstration Is Feature of Departure.

THREE GUARDS GO ALONG

Railway Men to Number of Nearly 50,000 Will Be Concerned With Transportation of Party on Its Long Journey.

ITINERARY OF PRESIDENT TAFT ON TRIP THROUGH 24 STATES.

- Mileage—Approximately 12,000. Expenses—Estimated, \$18,000. September 15—Leaves Boston. September 18—Syracuse, N. Y. September 19—Detroit, Mich. September 20—Cincinnati, Ohio. September 21—Columbus, Ohio. September 22—Indianapolis, Ind. September 23—St. Louis, Mo. September 24—Kansas City, Mo. September 25—Coffeyville, Kan. September 26—Hutchinson, Kan. September 27—Topeka, Kan. September 28—Denver, Colo. September 29—Cheyenne, Wyo. September 30—Salt Lake City, Utah. October 1—Ogden, Utah. October 2—Walla Walla, Spokane, Wash. October 3—Ellensburg, Tacoma, Wash. October 4—Bellingham, Everett, Seattle, Okla. October 5—Seattle, Tacoma, Wash. October 6—Olympia, Vancouver, Portland, Ore. October 7—Sacramento, San Francisco, Cal. October 8—Los Angeles, Calif. October 9—Salt Lake City, Utah. October 10—Butte, Livingston, Reno, Nev. October 11—Sheridan, Gillette, Newcastle, Wyo. October 12—Deadwood, Lead, Rapid City, S. D. October 13—Pierre, S. D. October 14—Huron, Aberdeen, S. D. October 15—Minneapolis, Minn. October 16—St. Paul, Minn. October 17—Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh, Kaukauna, Wis. October 18—Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Wis. October 19—Chicago, Ill. October 20—Pittsburg, Mo. November 1—Washington, D. C.

WEALTH IN SIGHT FOR POTATO MEN

JAPANESE GROWER WILL HAVE HALF MILLION PROFIT.

Californians Benefit Largely by High Prices of Tubers—40,000 Acres Are Planted.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Those who have been keeping a close watch upon the potato market and the acreage planted in San Joaquin County declare that George Shima, the Japanese potato king, will clear about \$500,000 this season, even if tubers part of the time sell for less than \$1. At present they are selling for \$1.15 to \$1.25, and they have ranged as high as \$2.50. The Idaho crop will not be ready to ship for two weeks yet and the southern and middle states trade will be filled exclusively by San Joaquin County firms.

The estimated acreage planted in potatoes in the San Joaquin delta section this year is 40,000. Some of the early potatoes were frosted and two or three crops were damaged. No break in the price for weeks to come is expected. There are many other large growers in addition to Shima who will make fortunes from their potatoes, as they can be grown at a profit at 80 cents a sack. The commission men and shippers are sending out from 15 to 40 carloads daily and in some instances as high as 80 cars have been moved from this section in a day.

3 POISONED BY SALMON

Men Recovering but Girl Weakens and Friends Fear Outcome.

MEDFORD, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Following the eating of a lunch of which canned salmon and strawberries were a part, the three grown children of Walter Chapman are suffering from a severe attack of ptomaine poisoning. The two boys, Bert and Percy, are believed to be out of danger, but the daughter, Olive, 18 years old, is still under the care of Dr. Kirchgessner. Friends and relatives are worried as to the final outcome.

With their parents, the three children went to the Grater Lake district, fifteen miles northwest of Prospect. They were homeward bound when they met friends and had lunch on the bank of Union Creek. All ate heartily of canned salmon and directly afterward were taken violently ill. They were hurried to Beagle postoffice, where physicians were called. Doctors worked over the stricken children all that day and the following night.

The boys, aged 24 and 22, showed ability to resist the poison, but from the first the daughter weakened and remained in a precarious condition. It is believed that the canned salmon was the direct cause of the poison, the cold water from Union Creek intensifying its effect.

BANK IS CUPID'S ALTAR

Preacher-Financier Marries Pair in Front of Steel Safe.

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The Astor-Force nuptials had no closer suggestion of money than the wedding performed here today when E. A. Bynum, a business man of Bremerton, Wash., and Miss Ida Madeline Bradfield, of Vallejo, Cal., were stationed in front of a mangle steel safe and united in marriage by Assistant Cashier Pitcher of the Kitsap County Bank. Mr. Pitcher is also a regularly ordained pastor of the Christian Church.

JOHN D., JR., ENDANGERED

Son of Standard Oil King Narrowly Escapes Death by Accident.

FARRYTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., escaped death by a few inches this afternoon when five workmen were seriously injured. A bundle of steel girders, being raised to the second story of his father's house, which is being remodeled, fell on the mud. Rockefeller was on the ground watching the workmen hoist the bundle of steel by a derrick. When it reached the second story it caught in a cornice, the tie-rope broke and the man fell to the ground. Rockefeller gave warning, but the men were unable to escape. One man received a fractured skull, while the other four were more or less seriously injured.

MAN, 96, WALKS TO TEXAS

Visit to Children Before He Dies Aim of War Veteran.

STILLWATER, Okla., Sept. 15.—Walking from Pocatello, Idaho, to Austin, Texas, to see his three children before he dies, Marcus Goff, 96 years old arrived here today. He is a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars and took part in a number of campaigns against Western Indians.

PRESIDENT HOLDS WILEY BLAMELESS

Sympathy Is Expressed for Food Expert.

GOOD LAW BEING ENFORCED

Work Especially Essential in Formative Period.

BROADER ISSUES RAISED

Letter Indicates More Radical Action May Follow—Kebler Reprimanded—Rusby at Fault in Another Instance.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—President Taft today reversed the recommendation of the personnel of Board of the Department of Agriculture, with its endorsement by Attorney-General Wickens, with reference to the case of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and the best-known food expert in the country. The Attorney-General had advised "conspicuous punishment" of Wiley. President Taft softens the reversal of his adviser's finding by saying that if he had had the full record before him he probably would have held differently.

Next to the vindication of Wiley himself, Washington is most interested in the paragraph of the President's letter, in which he says that "the broader issues raised by the investigation, which have a much weightier relation than this one to the general efficiency of the Department, may require more radical action than the question I have considered and decided."

This is taken to preface a "shake-up" in the Department. While there is no intimation either that Secretary Wilson will resign or that he will be asked to leave, it is believed that the President will insist upon a thorough "house-cleaning." Affairs in the Department of Agriculture have been known for some time past to be in a confused state, particularly with reference to the loyalty of the rank and file to their respective chiefs. Measures are to be taken to bring this situation to an issue and end the trouble, so far as possible.

The President finds that in securing the employment of Dr. Rusby as an expert at a fixed salary, with the provision that he should do only work enough to make his pay equivalent to \$75 a day, Dr. Wiley was actuated by a high motive and sustained by the precedent of the employment of the Remsen Board and by other precedents. He finds, however, that Dr. Kebler, in his zeal to persuade Dr. Rusby to accept employment with the Government, was distinguished, and that Dr. Bigelow was overzealous and should be reprimanded by the Secretary. He finds that Dr. Rusby's action in securing the employment on the

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RANCHER HELD FOR SCAPPOOSE CRIME

A. J. Pender Is Arrested at Independence.

MAIL CLEW AGAINST HIM

Prisoner Calm While Undergoing Close Questioning.

SUSPECT IS IN JAIL HERE

Evidence Against Columbia County Farmer Is Only Circumstantial. Wife of Accused Insists Stoutly He Is Innocent.

Arrested yesterday afternoon at Independence, Or., by Sheriff Thompson, of Columbia County, on suspicion that he is the murderer of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her 3-year-old son Harold, whose mutilated bodies were discovered in a lonely cabin near Scappoose on September 4, A. J. Scappoose, a Scappoose rancher, was put through a long and searching cross-examination in the office of Sheriff Stevens last night. Those present were Sheriffs Stevens and Thompson and L. L. Levings, a detective, who conducted the cross-examination. The arrest was made on the assumption that Pender was the man who took a paper addressed to the Wehrman family from the Scappoose postoffice Monday, September 4, Labor day. Pender admitted that he and a neighboring rancher named Lindoff rode to Scappoose together on the morning of September 4 and he also admitted that he asked for the neighborhood mail and that Lindoff did not ask for it. He denies, however, that he asked for the Wehrman mail.

COLONEL SITS IN JUVENILE COURT

ROOSEVELT ADVICE GIVEN FREE TO DELINQUENTS.

Plea Made for Mischievous Youngster, With Warning That He May Be "Sent Away" NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—A court attendant at the Children's Court, according to the custom of his kind, prepared to knock the black sombrero off the man who hurried into the room 10 minutes after court had opened today. He paused, because the hat belonged to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who finally took it off and spent two hours beside Justice Hoyt on the bench listening to cases, quizzing juvenile delinquents and their parents and giving gratuitous advice in most instances. At noon, when court adjourned, the Colonel dropped hints that the columns of Outlook would presently and surely mention the Children's Court. Among the cases heard was that of William Flohr, 15 years old. Flohr had been caught by an Interborough railway special agent on the platform of a Second avenue elevated train, indulging in the pastime of spitting at heads whenever they came in range on the street. "Give him another chance," whispered the Colonel to Justice Hoyt. "But," he added to the boy, as the Justice suspended sentence, "if you're ever brought up again, he'll send you away; send you away!"

PARTY IN STORM'S GRIP

State Officials With Explorers in Mount Rainier Blizzard.

TACOMA, Sept. 15.—Exposed for eight days to terrific thunder and snow storms raging alternately in the foothills of Mount Rainier, members of an exploring party, including the State Engineer and his assistants and County Commissioners from Pierce and Yakima Counties, have experienced great hardships, according to a story brought here by Assistant Engineer Jameson, who was forced to turn back because of conditions. He said that they were compelled to go two days without food, most of the time on the glaciers which they were attempting to cross despite the blizzards that were raging. Commissioner Peterson, of Pierce County, broke down completely and it was necessary to procure a horse to carry him. Peterson expected to return to this city yesterday, but no word has been heard from him. What is said to have been the largest snow cloud seen over the mountain in years, was visible above the peak yesterday. Local county officials fear for the safety of the party.

VOICE LEADS TO WEDLOCK

Idaho Miner, Blinded, Falls in Love With Nurse; Married Here.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Falling in love with the sound of a girl's voice, when he lay blinded on a cot in a Wallace, Idaho, hospital, Kenneth Chisholm, master mechanic at the Lead Silver Mine, proposed to his pretty nurse Miss Ruby Hull, as soon as he regained the use of his eyes. The romance resulted in the wedding of the couple at Portland, Or., Thursday. A year ago Chisholm was brought to the hospital with both eyes badly injured. A shower of steel filings from a lathe had entered his eyes and for a time it was doubtful if he would regain his sight. For days he lay with his head swathed in bandages. During this time Miss Hull cared for him. Recently the two decided to get a homestead. Miss Hull went to Portland and fled on land south of that city. They will live there.

ACQUITTED MAN GUILTY

Following Verdict Judge Says So and Defendant Admits It.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 15.—After the jury in the grand larceny case of the state against John Faletti had brought in a verdict of not guilty in Judge Gay's branch of the Superior Court today, the court in astonishment told the jury that the verdict was a miscarriage of justice and that the man was plainly guilty. Then the prisoner, who had fought the case desperately, rose to his feet and assured the jury that the Judge was right. "I appropriated the \$150," he said. "I needed it and so retained it." After the jury had directed the man was not guilty and the prisoner had acknowledged his guilt, he left the courtroom a free man.

FARM FAR ABOVE SEA WINS

Pilot Rock Man's Products Carry Off Big Fair Ribbons.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Stanfield and the reclamation project surrounding the town carried off high honors at the District Fair here, taking two diplomas for the largest and best display of fruit and the largest and best display of vegetables. The town is particularly proud of its exhibit of potatoes and the fact that the district drew 30 first premiums and has the only ripe strawberries on the vines. In the sweepstakes Charles Ogilvy, of Pilot Rock, with his ranch 3223 feet above the sea and 72 varieties of products on display, carried off the ribbon.

MASTER YEGGMEN NET \$315,000 HAUL

New Westminster, B. C. Bank Made Victim.

CASH LOST BIGGEST KNOWN

Money on Hand for Financing Salmon Packing.

ROBBERS ESCAPE IN AUTO

Skilled Workmen, in Early Morning Hour, Help Themselves to Savings Institution's Funds After Gaging and Binding Caretaker.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Sept. 15.—What is believed the largest cash bank robbery recorded in police annals of the world occurred in this city at an early hour this morning, when skilled yeggmen carried away loot totaling \$315,000, from the branch of the Bank of Montreal, making their escape in an automobile. Though the safe was blown, no explosion was heard in the early morning stillness, owing to the fact that the robbers had carefully and cleverly planned their work by muffling the nitro-glycerine and safe door in the bed-clothing belonging to the bank's night watchman, who yesterday started on his annual vacation and for some reason or other, no one was in the bank at the time the robbery occurred.

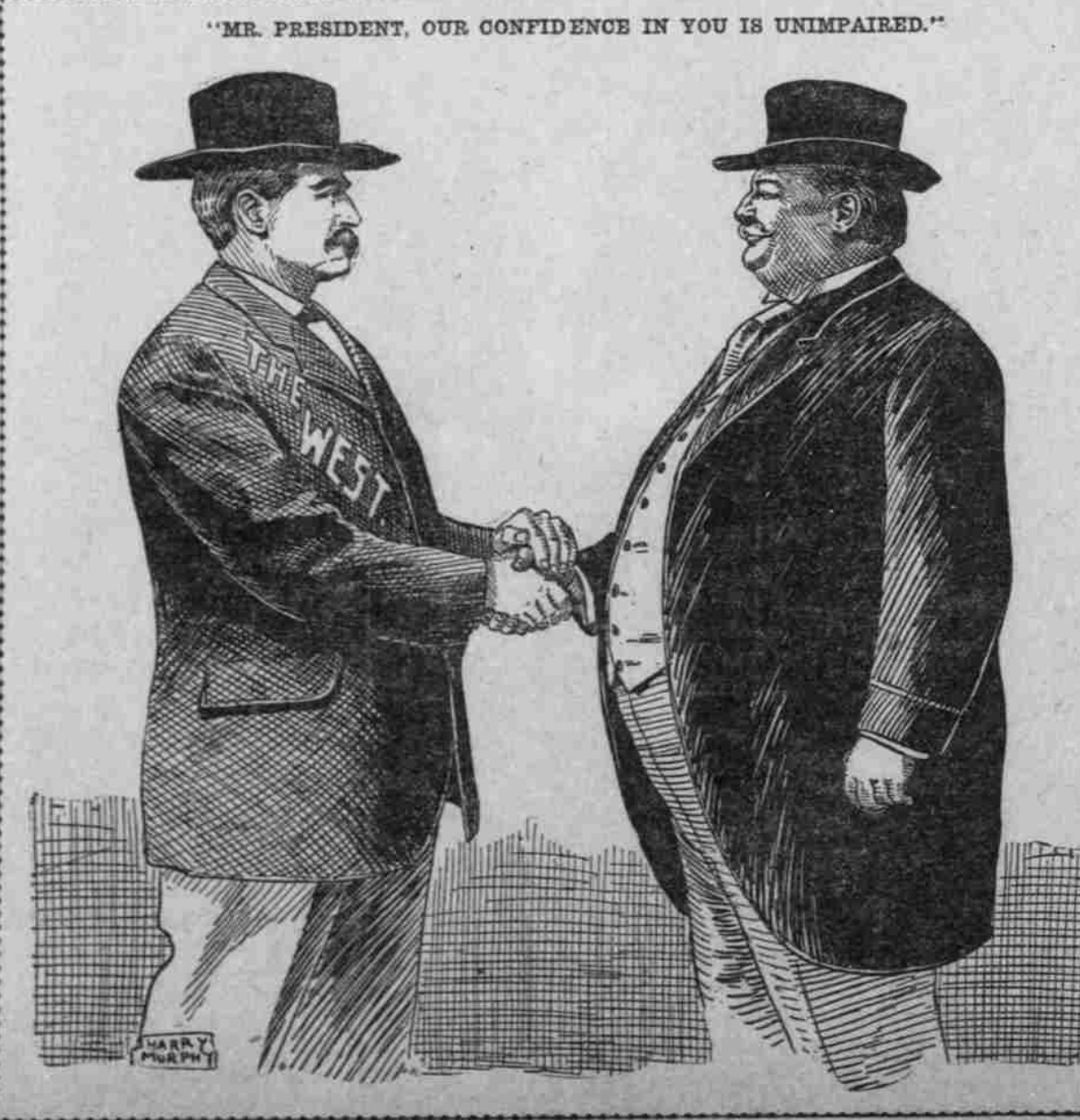
It was close to 4 o'clock when the Chinese janitor of the bank, who has been in the service of the institution for the past 10 years, made his usual entrance by the front door, preparatory to cleaning up the office. Robbers Gave Janitor. Hardly had he gained entrance when he was seized by a big, burly man, who, aided by two others, bound and gagged the Oriental and carried him to the basement of the building, there tying him to a post. Disposing of the only individual who they apparently thought had attempted to interfere with their job, they proceeded to gather up their loot and make for parts unknown.

It was fully an hour after the thieves had left the bank, according to the Chinaman, that he was able to release himself and run to police headquarters, but a few yards from the bank, and sound the alarm. Although the police of New Westminster and Vancouver profess to have no trace of the men it is believed they are in Vancouver. It would not have been possible for them to travel any great distance before the police were notified of the robbery. It will be difficult for the thieves to pass the bills of large denominations. Not only are the bills new, but it is said that their numbers are on record and any person offering them would soon be under suspicion.

Skilled Men in Deal Is Believed. Evidently the robbers knew the bank had the money on hand for financing the salmon packing and shipping. One theory is that a gang of skilled men came from the East to do the one job of safe-blowing. The five men entered the bank by the front door, broke through the thin metal coating of the vault, blew the safe by charges of nitro-glycerine and got clear away with their booty without being seen, except by the Chinese caretaker. There was in all \$350,000 in the bank's safe. Chief of Police Bradshaw believes the men would have taken it all if they could have carried it. As it was, they took all they could carry away, leaving all the silver and notes of small denominations as well as damaged \$500 and \$1000 bills lying around the floor and tables of the room of one of the clerks.

Trick Done Thoroughly. The first known of the robbery was when the Chinese caretaker appeared at the police station at about 5:30 o'clock and gave the alarm. Chief of Police Bradshaw hurried to the scene and all of the available officers were pressed into service, but the only clew obtainable was that given by the Chinaman. From the thoroughness of the job and the tools with which the work was done the local officers believe the same gang that has recently been at work in Vancouver turned the trick here. It is impossible to say just when the men effected their entrance into the bank, but it is presumed that it was somewhere about 3 o'clock for when the Chinese janitor arrived shortly after 4 o'clock to clean up, he found that the men had been doing a little cleaning up on their own account and before the Chinese could give the alarm he was sandbagged, gagged and tied to a chair. Then the robbers proceeded to collect the gold and bills from the vault and left the building some time before 5 o'clock, taking fully a quarter of a million dollars with them, and leaving about \$100,000 in the vault behind them.

That the robbers are still in the vicinity is apparent by the finding of a powerful automobile stolen from T. J. (Continued on Page 2.)



BOSTON, Sept. 15.—President Taft left Boston tonight on his long speaking tour of 12,000 miles, which is to embrace 24 states and continue until November 1. His departure in the special train prepared for his party was signalled by an enthusiastic demonstration from several hundred persons gathered to bid him good-bye.

When the special train left over the Boston & Albany Railroad the President's immediate party consisted of Secretary Hillis, Major A. W. Butt, military aide, and Major Thomas L. Rhodes, United States Army, the President's physician and three secret service guards.

During the entire trip the train will carry superintendents, trainmasters and other operating officials on the various lines over which it moves and it is estimated that between 45,000 and 50,000 railroad men will be directly concerned in transporting the Presidential party.

President Taft will deliver his first set address at Syracuse, N. Y., at the State Fair.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 15.—A special train, with President Taft and party, arrived here at 1:40 A. M.

TAFT CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

President Gets Many Congratulations on 54th Anniversary.

SEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 15.—This was President Taft's 54th birthday anniversary. Congratulatory messages poured into the Executive offices here from all over the world. One from King George of England read: "I have great pleasure in sending you my most hearty congratulations on the anniversary of your birthday and trust that the friendly relations existing between our two countries may ever continue." The President played golf today.

MIKADO TO HONOR JORDAN

Decoration to Be Bestowed Upon Educator Today.

TOKYO, Sept. 15.—David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr. University, will be received in audience by the Emperor tomorrow morning. The Mikado will decorate his visitor.